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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ISRAELI TRANSFER TO SPAIN

1. ISRAELI MOD REPS HAVE FORMALLY REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF SALE BY ISRAELI MILITARY INDUSTRIES TO CHRYSLER CORPORATION IN SPAIN OF 110 M68 CANNONS (LESS TUBES) AND M140 MOUNT COMBINATIONS "FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFURBISHING M-48 TANKS NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE SPANIARDS". CANNONS AND MOUNTS ARE PRODUCED IN ISRAEL PURSUANT TO A TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGE (TDP) PROVIDED TO GOI IN 1972 UNDER FMS PROCEDURES. ACCORDINGLY, PRIOR TO USG APPROVAL OF
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ISRAELI REQUEST, WE ARE REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 3 OF ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT TO PROVIDE CONGRESS WITH 30-DAY ADVANCE NOTIFICATION AND TO OBTAIN TRANSFER ASSURANCES FROM RECIPIENT.

2. SINCE WE PROCESS THIRD-PARTY TRANSFERS OF FMS-ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES AS TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS

AND NOT PRIVATE FIRMS OR PERSONS, THIS PARTICULAR CASE WILL BE HANDLED AS TRANSFER BETWEEN GOI AND GOS. (THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO PRIVATE ELEMENTS BEING INVOLVED AS AGENTS, MIDDLEMEN, CONTRACTORS, ETC). THIS MEANS THAT TRANSFER ASSURANCE COMMITMENT REQUIRED BY STATUTE MUST BE PROVIDED BY GOS.

3. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THERE IS SOME DOUBT THAT SPANISH HAD PLANNED TO USE M68 CANNONS AND M140 MOUNTS ON M-48 TANKS. BEFORE INITIATING THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER PROCEDURES, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY COULD CONFIRM FROM APPROPRIATE SPANISH AUTHORITIES THEIR INTENTION TO USE ISRAELI-PRODUCED CANNONS AND MOUNTS. IF CONFIRMED, WE WILL SEND YOU BY SEPTTEL TEXT OF STANDARD TRANSFER AND USE ASSURANCES TO BE OBTAINED FROM GOS.

4. REQUEST URGENT REPLY. VANCE

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